

RE: S.B. 899

Dear Legislator/Senator,

Some people say I talk too much but I am only following my doctor's advice to talk because for 2.5 years I could not speak due to MY disability!

However, I am not here to discuss my disability, I am here to ask you to do the right thing on Senate Bill 899!

I feel the right thing to do is to AMEND Section 7 of Senate Bill 899 so that same-sex marriage does not lead to attacks on religious liberty.

The Judiciary Committee was already used once this session to attack religious liberty. Please, don't let it happen again! As a representative of this state and as an Orthodox Christian and supporter of every Christian faith, I appeal to your guided and responsible actions on S.B. 899.

Please remember that this amendment simply restates federal protections already provided by the U.S. Constitution!

I also ask that you amend Section 17 so that only subsection 4 of the CT General Statute Sec. 46a-81r is repealed. This statute protects public morals in several different ways; even GLAD lawyer Ben Klein admitted that the Kerrigan ruling does not require it to be repealed. Only subsection 4 conflicts with Kerrigan and only subsection 7 should be repealed.

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I emphatically ask that you remove Section 2 entirely from Senate Bill 899. The CT General Assembly has no power to export same-sex marriage to other states, as this section attempts to do.

I don't want to sound like a record but I believe I must repeat myself....

I support this amendment and still invite you to visit HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH, 305 WASHINGTON STREET, NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT and LISTEN to our beautiful liturgical choir. You are also invited to enjoy some home-made, delicious baked goods during our fellowship hour following Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday where I worship!

I hope I know what I will say when I take my last breath and I stand before MY CREATOR who will ask ME...

#### **LYDIA, WHAT DID YOU DO WITH YOUR LIFE?**

Ladies and Gentlemen, I believe you will do the right thing today when you vote because I believe in YOU!

Thank you for LISTENING to me as I sit here again and again abiding by my doctor's orders to speak!

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